

#### **EXHIBIT A**

## South Congress Preservation and Improvement District 2018 Service Plan

### **INTRODUCTION**

During Fiscal Year 2018, South Congress Improvement Association (SCIA) will initiate and implement its mission to:

- Protect and strengthen the business, culture, arts, and entertainment environment of South Congress;
- Preserve South Congress as a vibrant mixed use district so that locals and visitors will utilize its diverse offerings;
- Communicate the concerns of the South Congress community to local and state entities;
- Support initiatives on issues of public policy that affect the community;
- Continue to grow South Congress in its stature as an important economic and cultural asset to the community for today and future generations.

#### **SERVICE PLAN**

For the PID's third year the mission is executed in four program areas:

## FY 2017 Preliminary Budget Expenditures (by Program Area)

Public Safety	\$45,916 (25%)
Infrastructure / Physical Environment (Maintenance & Improvements)	\$45,916 (25%)
Marketing / Fundraising/Economic Development	\$45,916 (25%)
Administration	\$45,916 (25%)
Total	\$183,664 (100%)

#### **SERVICE AREAS**

#### Public Safety

Work with the City to identify, communicate, and address issues of concern to the District. The focus will include programs to:

- Enhance vehicular and pedestrian safety through the exploration of sidewalk and crosswalk enhancements within or entering into the district
- Create safety partnerships in the public and private sectors to include the hiring of off-duty officers to walk the district during special events like first Thursdays.
- Continue to partner with the Merchants Association to host quarterly forums with the APD district rep to discuss best practices of improving security and reducing shoplifting
- Raise the bar on standards to reduce risks and encourage responsible operations within the district

# <u>Infrastructure and Physical Environment (Focus on Maintenance and Near-Term and Longer-Term Improvements)</u>

Coordinate strategies, plans, and partnerships for physical improvements in the district such as signage, sidewalks, gateways, etc. The focus will include programs to:

- Clean the structures and surface infrastructure (public and private space)
  - Continue to provide litter removal services, periodic sidewalk washing and prompt, efficient graffiti removal throughout the district
  - Implement phase one of an alley activation project to clean up and enhance the district's alley way (this would include vegetation and trash removal, wall muraling and dumpster locations)
- Create systems of order to unify the district
  - Public area lighting (tree lighting and other opportunities)
  - Signage and Banners (this would include working with city departments on parking and wayfinding signage)
  - Transportation systems (taxis, valets and TNC drop off/pick up zones and pedicab operational zones)
  - Public Restrooms (identify a location for a public restroom and explore best practices for public restrooms through the downtown restroom pilot program)
- Advocate for longer-term improvements
  - Develop a specific consensus plan and identify funding for South Congress streetscape that respects the unique nature of the district, including vehicle lanes and flow; sidewalk width and material; and street parking
  - Enhance landscaping, scenic areas, and parks
  - Maintain coordination with the City on physical infrastructure upgrades, such as utility lines and alleys
  - Collaborate with other organizations to create programs that encourage public or alternative transportation methods to the district

#### Marketing/Fundraising/Economic Development

Promote the economic health of the district and the association through strategic partnerships, marketing and public relations, and events and other fundraising opportunities.

• Partner with the Merchants Association to promote the district with the South



- Congress (SoCo) brand, and events that bring a diverse market to, and take advantage of, the unique nature of the district
- Share information and tools with property and business owners to help diversify the district mix
- Encourage business-to-business mentorships
  - O Promote existing resources and incentives for business success through our partnership with the Merchants Association
  - O Serve as an ombudsman for businesses and property owners within the district
- Pursue financial sustainability to increase resources and effectiveness
  - O Produce new events and help add value to current events within the district
  - O Develop and maintain current partnerships with other organization and businesses for promotional and funding opportunities
  - O Improve the district common area management, such as sidewalk vendors, parking, and valet parking options
- Create and maintain communication for effective interaction with residents, the City, and the community at large, including the following methods:
  - Informational website
  - Website updates, highlighting important issues, current events, businesses, and other items of interest
  - Media relations that educate
  - O Monthly meetings with Merchants Association
  - O Quarterly forums (informational and educational meetings)
  - O Direct outreach to owners & operators
- Continue the partnership with Merchants Association and Soul y Austin on a comprehensive district plan
- Identify other funding sources for unmet needs through grants, sponsorships and crowdfunding

#### Administration

- Contract oversight for Service Areas
- Contract compliance for SCIA contract, including bookkeeping and reporting SCIA Membership/PID Residents
  - o Regular committee meetings
  - o Special-topic meetings
  - O Annual membership meeting
  - O A complete and current database of property owners, both members and nonmembers
  - O Membership program expansion for non-property owners with an interest in the district

#### **SUMMARY**

With the initiatives described in this service plan, South Congress will continue to progress toward realizing the vision of a vibrant, mixed-use district offering shopping, restaurants, and entertainment that is a source of cultural and economic pride for Austinites.



# Exhibit A (cont.) South Congress Preservation and Improvement District 2018 Assessment Plan

able 1: Revenue Projections												
Source		2015		2016		2017		2018*		2019	Notes	
Assessed Value		\$43,236,009		\$47,559,610	\$5	2,315,571		\$91,768,674		\$100,945,541	10% increase per year assumed in 2019	
Assessment Rate		.20/100		.20/100		.20/100		.20/100		.20/100		
Total Assessments		\$86,472		\$121,382		\$164,073		\$183,537		\$201,891		
Collection Rate		90%		90%		75%		75%		75%	assumes prior year collections in 2019	
PID Assessment Revenue		\$77,825		\$109,244		\$123,055		\$137,653		\$151,418		
City contribution	\$	3,600	\$	2,751	\$	4,188	\$	2,679		\$2,947	10% increase per year assumed in 2019	
Collected minus Appropriated				\$2,301		(\$26,413)				\$0		
Earned Interest				\$1,794		\$3,154		\$3,332		\$1,000		
City reserve		(\$2,000.0)		(\$4,000)				\$40,000			City reserve sufficient after 2016	
Total PID revenue		\$75,825		\$112,090		\$103,984		\$183,664		\$155,365		
Total Revenue	\$	75,825	\$	112,090 \$	\$	103,984	\$	183,664	\$	155,365		
Table 2: Expenditure Projections												
		2015		2016		2017		2018*		2019	Notes	
Public Safety	\$	15,165	\$	22,418	\$	25,996	\$	45,916	\$	31,073		
Infrastructure and Physical Environment	\$	15,165	\$	22,418 \$	\$	25,996	\$	45,916	\$	31,073		
Marketing, Fundraising and Economic Development	\$	15,165	\$	22,418 \$	\$	25,996	\$	45,916	\$	31,073		
Administration, Communications & Membership	\$	30,330	\$	44,836 \$	\$	25,996	\$	45,916	\$	62,146		
Total Expenditures	\$	75,825		112,090 \$	_	103,984		183,664		155,365		



\* 2018 Assessments, Service Plan and Budget for Council Adoption based on TCAD certified roll